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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the printer inquiry for corrective action.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 54-74.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Craig Mueller on November 3, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, lines 32-33, the phrase "(one of claims 1 to 4)" has been deleted.

At page 2, line 1, the phrase "(claim 10)" has been deleted.

At page 2, lines 6-7, the phrase "(claims 13, 14)" has been deleted.

At page 2, lines 17-18, the phrase "(claim 24, claim 23, claim 44, claim 35)" has been deleted.

At page 2, line 28, the phrase "(claims 5, 36)" has been deleted.

At page 2, line 36, the phrase "(claim 38)" has been deleted.

At page 3, line 3, the phrase "(claim 22)" has been deleted.

At page 3, line 5, the phrase "(claim 39)" has been deleted.

At page 3, line 9, the phrase "(claim 20, claim 21)" has been deleted.

At page 3, line 14, the phrase "(claim 6 to 9)" has been deleted.

At page 3, line 25, the phrase "(claims 13, 11)" has been deleted.

At page 3, line 31, the phrase "(claim 12)" has been deleted.

At page 4, line 3, the phrase "(claims 17, 18, 19 and 23 or 24)" has been deleted.

At page 4, line 7, the phrase "(claim 23)" has been deleted.

At page 4, line 10, the phrase "(claim 51)" has been deleted.

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At page 4, line 12, the phrase "(claim 47)" has been deleted.

At page 4, line 13, the phrase "(claim 50, claims 20, 21)" has been deleted.

At page 4, line 17, the phrase "(claim 44)" has been deleted.

At page 4, line 19, the phrase "(claim 49)" has been deleted.

At page 4, line 21, the phrase "(claim 48)" has been deleted.

At page 4, line 23, the phrase "(claims 47, 48, 52, 53)" has been deleted.

At page 4, line 27, the phrase "(claim 16)" has been deleted.

At page 4, line 30, the phrase "(claims 30, 31)" has been deleted.

At page 4, line 37, the phrase "(claims 25 to 29, claim 46)" has been deleted.

At page 5, line 6, the phrase "(claim 27)" has been deleted.

At page 5, line 9, the phrase "(claim 28, claim 29)" has been deleted.

At page 6, lines 3-11, delete the following:

"Figure 1,  
Figure 2,  
Figure 3 show three stages in a manufacturing process of a sheet metal lid, comprising a station for inserting a weakening line 16, a subsequent station for introducing a finger depression 13 and additional beads 18a in the openable area inside the weakening line, and a further station at which a tab 30 is mounted using a rivet 11 integrally formed on the sheet metal lid, via an attaching portion 31 that is shown schematically in all three figures as a flat attachment tongue"

and replace with the following:

-- Figure 1 shows a station for inserting a weakening line 16.

Figure 2 shows a station for introducing a finger depression 13 and additional beads 18a in the openable area inside the weakening line.

Figure 3 shows a station at which a tab 30 is mounted using a rivet 11 integrally formed on the sheet metal lid, via an attaching portion 31 that is shown schematically as a flat attachment tongue --.

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robin Hylton whose telephone number is (571) 272-4540. The examiner can normally be reached Monday - Friday, **EXCEPT** Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Eastern time).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Stashick, can be reached on (571) 272-4561.

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